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(SBU) Poloff delivered to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Multilateral Affairs Officer Issac Sebulime on October 28 reftel demarche encouraging the African Union (AU) to condemn the constitutional coup in Niger. Sebulime commented that Uganda spearheaded UNSC resolutions on the coups in Mauritania and Madagascar and helped draft the Security Council President's statement on unconstitutional transitions earlier this year. He commended ECOWAS for taking decisive action by suspending Niger's membership, and said the muted AU response may be partially due to the strong personal relationship between Niger and the AU's Peace and Security Commission (PSC) Chairman Ramtane Lamamra. Sebulime attributed ECOWAS' strong response to Nigeria, which has experience with Presidents seeking to undo term limitations. He said Uganda is unlikely to pressure the PSC to take a stronger stance because AU members generally let countries in affected regions take the lead and Uganda will therefore defer to Niger's west African neighbors.
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